



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #16

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Set gillnet: Waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) will open to commercial set gillnet harvest at 6:00 AM on Monday, August 10 and on Thursday, August 13 for 16-hour fishing periods on those dates. Following these two fishing periods, the Southern District set gillnet season will close for the 2026 season at 6:00 AM on Saturday, August 15. **Purse seine:** Waters of the Southern District remain closed to commercial common property purse seine harvest.

OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas remain open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 16-hour commercial purse seine fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on those days. These areas are,

- the Dogfish Bay (Koyuktolik) Subdistrict,
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict, and
- waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict in the Petrof area north and west of a point at 59° 20.00' N. latitude., 150° 48.00' W. longitude.

A survey was flown of the Outer District on Wednesday, July 29. Chum numbers were low for this date in Rocky Bay and Port Dick systems. Less than a dozen sockeye salmon were counted in McCarty Fjord in saltwater. 1,370 sockeye salmon were counted in Delight Lake, and 3,070 in Desire Lake. These estimates are below the SEG range for Delight Lake (5,100 – 10,600 fish) as well as Desire Lake (4,800 – 11,900 fish). Additional aerial surveys will be flown over the weekend weather permitting.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Waters of the Kamishak District remain open on a 7-day per week schedule of 24-hours per day fishing periods excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict and the Paint River Subdistrict. Waters of the Chenik Subdistrict east of 154° 08.33' W. long. is open (Figure 1). Preliminary harvest to date this season from the Kamishak District is approximately 47,000 sockeye salmon with three processors buying fish and seven permit holders reporting harvest. Sockeye salmon escapement into Chenik Lake is posted here:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon#fishcounts>

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Aialik Bay Subdistrict including the waters of Peterson Lagoon, south of 59° 53.84' N. latitude, remain open on a 7-day per week schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM 16-hour fishing periods. An aerial survey of Aialik Lake flown on July 29 documented 7,000 sockeye salmon in Aialik Lake. This is above the 3,200 – 5,400 SEG range for this system and species.

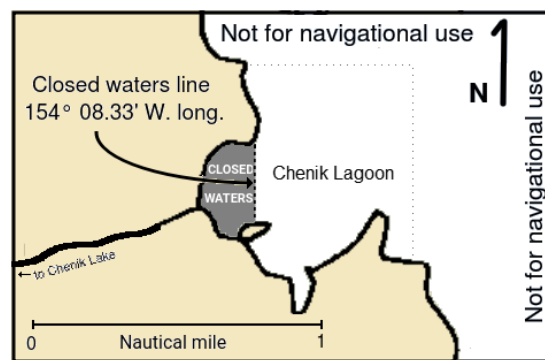


Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. long. is closed.

As a reminder, unless otherwise specified in regulation or by emergency order, commercial fishing for salmon is prohibited at all times within 500 yards of the fresh water of a salmon stream and over the beds or channels of streams and rivers at all stages of the tide. Fresh water is considered separated from salt water, at the mouth of streams and rivers, by a line drawn between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks at the present stage of the tide, (5AAC 39.975(a)(26)).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 14.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Current Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing regulation books are available at ADF&G offices, and online here:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2024_2027_cf_cook_inlet_salmon.pdf

This website may also be accessed by scanning the QR code at right.



Additionally, announcements, area maps, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon,](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon)

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